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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON MEETING IN LONDON

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE OF THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1975, BY MARILYN BERGER.

QUOTE. THE EIGHT MAJOR EXPORTERS OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND COMPONENTS ARE MEETING IN LONDON TO DEVELOP NEW SAFEGUARDS TO PREVENT PURCHASERS FROM DIVERTING TECHNOLOGY MEANT FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

THE MEETING, WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY UNUSUAL SECRECY, STARTED YESTERDAY AND WAS TO CONTINUE TODAY. EVEN THE LIST OF COUNTRIES ATTENDING WAS NOT ANNOUNCED, BUT DIPLOMATS OF SEVERAL OF THE NATIONS REPRESENTED SAID THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, BRITAIN, FRANCE, CANADA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WEST GERMANY, JAPAN AND ITALY ARE PARTICIPATING.

THE GOAL IS TO DRAW UP A CONVENTION THAT WOULD PLEDGE THESE COUNTRIES - AND, POTENTIALLY, OTHERS WHO MAY BECOME MAJOR EXPORTERS IN THE FUTURE - TO PLACE STRINGENT CONTROLS ON EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL SOLD TO OTHER NATIONS.

THERE HAS BEEN GROWING CONCERN THAT NON-NUCLEAR COUNTRIES WILL DIVERT MATERIAL FROM NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS - WHICH ARE BEING SOLD ALL OVER THE WORLD - TO BUILD BOMBS.

WEST GERMANY RECENTLY CONTRACTED TO SELL BRAZIL A FULL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, INCLUDING A URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT AND A REPROCESSING PLANT THAT CAN SEPARATE PLUTONIUM FROM SPENT FUEL. BOTH ENRICHED URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM CAN BE USED TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR BOMBS. FRANCE IS ALSO NEGOTIATING THE SALE OF REPROCESSING PLANTS TO SOUTH KOREA AND PAKISTAN.

NEITHER BRAZIL NOR PAKISTAN HAS SIGNED THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WHICH WOULD PLEDGE THEM NOT TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN A SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAST SEPTEMBER, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER ALLUDED TO THE CONCERN THAT EXPORTERS, IN THEIR COMPETITIVE ZEAL TO MAKE A SALE, WOULD FAIL TO INSIST ON APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS.

KISSINGER SAID THEN THAT, "THE UNITED STATES WILL SHORTLY OFFER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS TO THE OTHER PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER COUNTRIES."

THE LONDON MEETING IS THE SECOND FOLLOWING UP ON THIS SUGGESTION. THE FIRST WAS IN APRIL.

THE UNITED STATES HAS DEVELOPED NEW INSTRUMENTATION THAT CAN MONITOR THE AMOUNT OF PLUTONIUM PRESENT IN A REACTOR AND THEREBY DETERMINE WHETHER IT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

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THE CONFEREES WERE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS REQUIRING THE USE OF SUCH MONITORING EQUIPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH REACTOR SALES AS WELL AS QUESTIONS OF WHETHER TO DEMAND ADDITIONAL PLEDGES FROM PURCHASING COUNTRIES NOT TO DIVERT MATERIAL TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT.

U.S. OFFICIALS ARE WORRIED THAT THE DISCLOSURE OF THE MEETING MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING TO SOME COUNTRIES, FORCING

THEM TO DROP OUT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE PARTICIPANTS ARE VULNERABLE TO ACCUSATIONS THAT THEY ARE GANGING UP ON NON-NUCLEAR STATES TO IMPOSE CONTROLS NOT ONLY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT ON PEACEFUL FACILITIES.

MEANWHILE, SEN. WALTER F. MONDALE (D-MINN) INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE SENATE TO THE SALE OF ATOMIC POWER PLANTS BY WEST GERMANY AND FRANCE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE PURCHASING

COUNTRIES THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE ATOMIC WEAPONS.

"THIS DANGER IS TWO-FOLD. THE FIRST IS THAT THE PURCHASING COUNTRY MIGHT DIVERT PLUTONIUM FROM SUCH PLANTS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR BOMBS. THE SECOND IS THAT PROPER SAFEGUARDS HAVE NEVER BEEN DEvised TO PREVENT THE THEFT OF PLUTONIUM FROM COMMERCIAL PLANTS BY TERRORIST OR CRIMINAL ELEMENTS." HE SAID. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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